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(Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 303, §1, 43 Stat. 966.)

#### SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 92 of this title.

### § 92. Completion of organization

The persons named in section 91 of this title and such other persons as may be selected from among the membership of American War Mothers, an association of women whose sons and daughters served the allied cause in the great World War between the dates of April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, are hereby authorized to meet to complete the organization of said corporation by the selection of officers, the adoption of a constitution and by-laws, and to do all other things necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this chapter, at which meeting any person duly accredited as a delegate from any local or State organization of the existing organization known as American War Mothers shall be permitted to participate in the proceedings thereof.

(Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 303, §2, 43 Stat. 967.)

### § 93. Object of corporation

The object of the corporation shall be to keep alive and develop the spirit that promoted world service; to maintain the ties of fellowship born of that service and to assist and further any patriotic work; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, State, and Nation; to work for the welfare of the Army and Navy; to assist in any way in their power men and women who served and were wounded or incapacitated in the World War; to foster and promote friendship and understanding between America and the Allies in the World War.

(Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 303, §3, 43 Stat. 967.)

### § 94. Meetings

The corporation shall hold its meetings in such place as the incorporators or their successors shall determine.

(Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 303, §4, 43 Stat. 967.)

### § 95. Powers of corporation

The corporation created by this chapter shall have the following powers: To have succession until the membership as hereinafter provided for shall become extinct, with power to sue and be sued in courts of law and equity; to receive, hold, own, use, and dispose of such real estate and personal property as shall be necessary for its corporate purposes; to adopt a corporate seal and alter the same at pleasure; to adopt a constitution, bylaws, and regulations to carry out its purposes, not inconsistent with the laws of the United States or of any State; to use in carrying out the purposes of the corporation such emblems and badges as it may adopt; to establish and maintain offices for the conduct of its business; to establish State, Territorial, and local subdivisions; to publish a magazine or other publications, and generally to do any and all such acts and things as may be necessary and proper to carry into effect the purposes of the corporation.

(Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 303, §5, 43 Stat. 967.)

### § 96. Property; exemption from taxation

All of the personal property and funds of the corporation held or used for the purposes hereof, pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, whether of principal or income, shall, so long as the same shall be so used, be exempt from taxes by the United States or any Territory or District thereof. The corporation shall not accept, own, or hold directly or indirectly any property, real or personal, except such as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes of its creation as defined in this chapter.

(Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 303, §6, 43 Stat. 967.)

### § 97. Membership

The membership of American War Mothers is limited to women, and no woman shall be and become a member of this corporation unless she is a citizen of the United States and unless her son or sons or daughter or daughters of her blood, her legally adopted son or sons or legally adopted daughter or daughters, or her stepson or stepsons or stepdaughter or stepdaughters served in the Armed Forces of the United States or of its allies in World War I, World War II, the Korean conflict, or any subsequent war or conflict involving the United States, having an honorable discharge from such service, or being still in the service.

(Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 303, §7, 43 Stat. 968; Sept. 26, 1942, ch. 563, 56 Stat. 758; June 26, 1953, ch. 152, 67 Stat. 81; Apr. 12, 1974, Pub. L. 93-267, 88 Stat. 85.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1974—Pub. L. 93-267 extended membership in American War Mothers to certain adoptive mothers and stepmothers.

1953—Act June 26, 1953, substituted "Armed Forces of the United States or of its allies" for "Army or Navy

of the United States, or in the military or naval service of its allies", and extended its provisions to the Korean conflict and to any subsequent war or conflict involving the United States.

1942—Act Sept. 26, 1942, extended its provisions to include the World War commencing in 1941.

#### **§ 98. Nonpolitical nature of corporation**

This organization shall be nonpolitical, nonsectarian, nonpartisan, and nonprofit, and as an organization shall not promote the candidacy of any person seeking public office.

(Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 303, § 8, 43 Stat. 968; June 26, 1953, ch. 152, 67 Stat. 81.)

#### **AMENDMENTS**

1953—Act June 26, 1953, inserted "nonsectarian, nonpartisan, and nonprofit".

#### **§ 99. Acquisition of assets and liabilities of existing organization**

Said corporation may acquire any or all of the assets of the existing organization known as American War Mothers upon discharging or satisfactorily providing for the payment and discharge of all its liabilities.

(Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 303, § 9, 43 Stat. 968.)

#### **§ 100. Exclusive right to name**

The corporation and its State, Territorial, and local subdivisions shall have the sole and exclusive right to have and to use in carrying out its business purposes the name of American War Mothers.

(Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 303, § 10, 43 Stat. 968.)

#### **§ 101. Reports to Congress**

The corporation shall, on or before the 1st day of January in each year, make and transmit to the Congress a report of its proceedings for the preceding calendar year: *Provided, however*, That said report shall not be printed as a public document.

(Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 303, § 11, 43 Stat. 968; Aug. 30, 1964, Pub. L. 88-504, § 4(9), 78 Stat. 636.)

#### **AMENDMENTS**

1964—Pub. L. 88-504 struck out "including a full and complete report of its receipts and expenditures" after "calendar year".

#### **§ 102. Agents for service of process**

As a condition precedent to the exercise of any power or privilege herein granted or conferred the corporation shall file in the office of the secretary of each State the name and post-office address of an authorized agent in such State upon whom local process or demands against American War Mothers may be served.

(Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 303, § 12, 43 Stat. 968.)

#### **§ 103. Charter**

This charter shall take effect upon its being accepted by a majority vote of the incorporators named herein who shall be present at the first meeting of the corporation, due notice of which meeting shall be given to each of the incorporators named herein, and a notice of such accept-

ance shall be given by said corporation, causing a certificate to that effect, signed by its president and secretary, to be filed in the office of the recorder of deeds of the District of Columbia.

(Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 303, § 13, 43 Stat. 968.)

#### **§ 104. Reservation of right to amend or repeal chapter**

Congress may from time to time alter, repeal, or modify this chapter of incorporation, but no contract or individual right made or acquired shall be divested or impaired.

(Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 303, § 14, 43 Stat. 968.)

#### **§ 105. Initial officers**

The management and direction of the affairs of the corporation and the controlling and disposing of its property and funds shall be vested in the persons duly elected at the last annual convention held in Kansas City, Missouri, who shall be the officers of the American War Mothers for the year beginning October, 1923, to serve until the next annual convention to be held at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on October 8, 1925, or until their successors are duly appointed, and who are the following:

Margaret N. McCluer, National War Mother, Kansas City, Missouri; Carrie L. Root, first vice National War Mother, Gardner, Illinois; Blanche A. Bellak, second vice National War Mother, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Mary E. Spence, third vice National War Mother, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Rose S. Sargent, fourth vice National War Mother, San Francisco, California; Alice Bronson Oldham, national recording secretary, Lexington, Kentucky; Florence A. Latham, national corresponding secretary, Kansas City, Missouri; Mahala M. Boyd, national treasurer, Newcastle, Indiana; Kate C. De Kay, national historian, Blackfoot, Idaho; Carrie White Avery, national custodian of records, Washington, District of Columbia; Estelle T. Wilcox, national auditor, Omaha, Nebraska.

(Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 303, § 15, 43 Stat. 968.)

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#### **§ 111. Corporation created**

The following persons, to wit: James E. Van Zandt, Altoona, Pennsylvania; Bernard K. Kearney, Gloversville, New York; Scott P. Squyres, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Robert B. Handy, Junior, Kansas City, Missouri; Henry F. Marquard, Chicago, Illinois; William E. Guthner,